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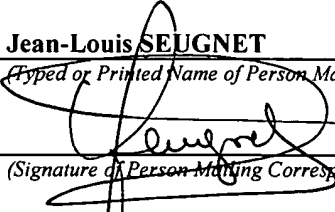
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| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>PRODUCT COMPRISING A FIBROUS SUPPORT AND A HYDROPHILIC AND/OR<br/>PERMEABILIZING COATING, PREPARATION PROCESS THEREFOR AND USE<br/>THEREOF</b>   |  |   |  |   |  |
| APPLICANT (S) FOR DO/EO/US:<br><b>Gilles LORENTZ, Daniel JOUBERT and Marc BALASTRE</b>  |  |   |  |   |  |
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